

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of claims 19, 22, and 31-32. Claim 19 is amended to correct a typographical error, and is merely a cosmetic change that does not affect the scope of the claim. The specification is also amended to identify U.S. Patent No. 6,282,061, as suggested by the Examiner.

Claim 30 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Koshikawa et al. (JP 04-366408 A). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection because the cited reference fails to disclose (or suggest) a recess having a width equal to a width of the rail.

The Examiner cites Koshikawa as teaching a recessed portion 21, as shown in FIGs. 1(a) and (b). However, as clearly seen in the figures, the recessed portion 21 does not have a width equal to a width of a rail 11, as recited in claim 30. Moreover, the Office Action is silent regarding where this feature is taught in the cited reference.

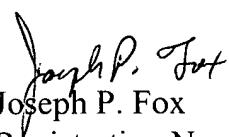
In contrast, as shown in FIG. 3A of the present invention, a step-like recess 43a has a width (i) that is equal to a width of a rail surface 33a, which forms a rail. Since Koshikawa fails to disclose this feature, withdrawal of the §102 rejection of claim 30 is respectfully requested.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that this Application is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

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